

FREDERICKSBURG ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, August 5, 2010
City Hall Conference Room

Attendees: Kevin Bartram, Kerry Devine, Roy Jarnecke, Debby Klein, Florence Ridderhof, and Pat Thalman.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the July 1, 2010 were approved as previously distributed.

Public Comment: Stephen Brown and Kathleen Mullins of the Fredericksburg Theatre Ensemble were introduced. Carolyn VanderJagt, from the Rappahannock Arts Council, spoke about the FredericksburgVaArts.org website that she had established for the Arts Commission last year.

Officer's Reports

Treasurer's Report: No report

Chairman's Report:

1. "State of the Union." Report is attached and will be e-mailed to those not in attendance. Mr. Bartram has been in conversation with people in the community and reported that the Commission has covered more than we realized. He has also had meetings with his Executive Committee, EDA and other private interest groups.
2. Commission Vacancies Report: Three candidates have applied for the two FAC vacancies -- Patrick Ahearn, Ellen Killough, and Gabriel Pons. A discussion followed. Consensus by e-mail (non-binding, informal suggestion) was the decision for the Arts Commission members to relay their suggestion for two candidates to City Council for the final selection.
3. Grant Request Up-date: The grant request was turned down as EDA did not wish to fund a study for that location.
4. Performing Arts Center: In further discussing the cooperative effort with the University of Mary Washington, UMW will consider only the site at the corner of Sunken Road and William Street on university grounds. This center will plan to seat approximately 400. President Hurley and the Board of Visitors will be prioritizing the plans for this center at future meetings.
5. Economic Development and Tourism: (report attached) At present all arts grants go to EDA; then to the Arts Commission; next to a sub-committee of the Arts Commission, back to the full Commission and then to EDA. Various 'routings' were discussed (i.e. Arts Commission to EDA) and these suggestions will be part of a meeting between the Chair of the Arts Commission, Kevin Bartram, and the Chair of EDA, Joe Wilson.

Committee Reports

1. **Public Art:** Mrs. Thalman reported that there had been a good response to the first venture. Her proposal/report is attached. The full proposal included picture of the fence public art and the mosaic on Jackson Street by Roxbury Mills. Future considerations for public art are the brick façade behind Café new Orleans facing Market Square; Hurkamp Park and Riverfront Park.
Motion: Mr. Jarnecke moved "That the Arts Commission submit a grant request to EDA for the Market Square area proposal --brick façade of Café de Orleans."
A secondary motion to insert was made by the Chair with the deadline date to now read "by October 1, 2010". The motion to insert was adopted, and the main motion with the new date was adopted. "That the Arts Commission submit a grant request to EDA by October 1, 2010, for the Market Square area proposal --brick façade of Café de Orleans."

Mrs. Thalman was commended by the Chair for her excellent work with the previous public art project.

2. **Via Colori Report:** There are fifteen performers signed up at present and a request for more groups will be sent out. All but one main sponsors have been lined up but block sponsors are needed. In the absence of Sue Henderson, the Chair gave the report.
3. **Web-site Report:** Ms. Klein gave copies of the request for proposal (attached) to members. Discussion followed- would it be a 'static' site, or could it submit and/or receive comments? One item to be added would be a vehicle by which an e-mail to Arts Commission could take place. Maintenance and customer service were emphasized as very important. Ms. Klein asked that other responses be due by October 1, 2010; then she will make revisions, contact Julie Perry's office and send out the proposal.

Unfinished Business

1. **Strategic Plan:** The Chair has tasked the Executive Committee to complete the revision and present at September and October meetings. A slimmer Part II will be presented, and comments on Part I were requested.
2. **Arts and Cultural District:** Mr. Bartram, Mr. Solley and Richard Tremblay will meet to discuss this districting. The initial plan is solid and will be brought back for review by George and Kerry before it is presented to City Council.

There being no more business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m. The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, September 1, 2010.

-Florence Ridderhof